A CHARTER FOR BROOKLYN.

SUCCESS OF A SHREWD MOVE IN THE ABSENCE OF DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMEN-THE HIGGINS CHAR-TER NEAR THE TOP OF GENERAL ORDERS-ALL ELECTIVE OFFICIALS EXCEPT THE MAYOR AND CONTROLLER LEGISLATED OUT OF OFFICE-THE AILL FINALLY PASSES THE ASSEMBLY.

FROM A REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. ALBANY, April 27 .- The Ogden Charter corruption investigation has reaped its harvest, and the Hig-Charter will be passed by the Assembly. The latter bill, it must be remembered, is one sweeping out of exist ence all the commissions in Brooklyn, leaving no officer of that city elective except the Mayor and Controller, all the others to be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Aldermen, both of which are Republican, and all within 10 days after the passage of the present blil. Such a sweeping measure has never before been seriously introduced in a legislative body, but so disc plined have the Republican majority become by the threats of the Investigating Committee, that it is morally certain to be passed by the Assembly, and much more certainly

In view of the probable passage of the Ogden Charter, this bill, winch was introduced in January by Mr. Hig-gins, has been kept under bonds in the Committee on Cities since that time, and was only reported when the Ogden Charter was defeated. Then it was reported during the absence of every Democratic member of the Committee except one, at Utlea, and immediately an attempt was made to advance it to the next Committee of the Whole. This was defeated by the protest of Messrs. Lyons and Talmage and the fairness of Mr. Sloan, but to-day a new device to serve the same purpose

Mr. Higgins moved that Bill No. 380 be recommitted to the Committee on Cities, retaining its place in the order of third reading—an apparently innocent proposition, as 380 merely provides to amend the Brooklyn Charter by the election of a constable in each ward for two years instead of one. But Mr. Higgins himself was a matter of suspicion to the Democratic members from Brooklyn, and his motion caused a general overturning of files, and Mr. Lyons was astonished to find that th bill to be recommitted was one introduced by Mr. Bradley, a Democratic member from Brooklyn. Naturally, he inquired of Mr. Higgins if he wished to amend the bill. No, Mr. Higgins did not wish to do that exactly. Then what did he wish to do with it? He wished to make some additions to it. What were the additions! Mr. Higgins filibustered for a few moments, and then admitted that he wanted Bill No. 44 (which is the Higgins Charter) added to the bill.

When the uproar began, Mr. Bradley jumped out of his seat and thought it was a wonder Mr. Higgins was not put under arrest for his behavior. Mr. Talmage deneed the trick as mean and dirty, for which he was called to order, and various other Democratic members entered their vigorous protest. It must be understood that this maneuver advances the Higgins Charter from its position at the bottom of general orders to very near the top, and was the only means by which the measure could be reached this session. Lorin Palmer and Counselor Perry of Brooklyn are supposed to have originate. the idea of this sharp practice.

A motion was subsequently made to reconsider the

above motion, but ft was lost. An agreement was made that no political measures should be touched during the absence of the Democrats some days before their departure for Utica, and Mr. Sloan excused himself from voting and was excused. The action of the majority today, therefore, proves to be a breach of trust as well as a shrewd trick. The further progress of the bill will be fought at every step, and it is believed the Governor will finally veto it. The Commissioners legislated out are pearly all Democratic, and the Mayor and Aldermen who have the new appointments are Republican.

THE INSURANCE TAX BILL. AN ADVERSE REPORT IN THE ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, April 27 .- The Insurance Tax bill, the Hammond bill, taxing the insurane companies, was reported aversely to the Assembly to-day by the Committee on Ways and Means, to which it had been referred, and the report was laid on the table. The Committee was divided by two to four on reporting at all, Messra. Hogeboom and Post strongly favoring such a report, while Mesers. Munroe, Sherman, Hayes, and Talmage were opposed to it. Mr. Sloan had not fully considered the bit and, while being disposed to object to it on a cursory reading, and finding that a favorable report could not be obtained, asked that it be laid before the House, even by an adverse report, and this was agreed to. Only one meeting has been had upon the bill, and several members of the Committee thought more time should be given them to consider it, but under the pressure of its friends they consented to the present report. When the report was read, Mr. Post, who says that he is on the search for more taxable property, moved that it be taid on the ta-ble, which was agreed to. The report will probably be called up to-morrow, and will be sharply debated.

THE APPORTIONMENT BILL DELAYED. DESIRE TO WALL FOR THE RETURN OF DEMOCRATS FROM UTICA.

FROM A REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE. ALBANY, April 27 .- The Apportionment bill, which Judge Hogeboom announced so positively should he reported to-day, is not to be reported until the Demo-erate members return from Utica. The bill has been framed and ready to report for two weeks, but no opportunity seemed so fitting as the present, and Judge Hoge boom attempted last night to force a meeting of his Committee in order that the report should be ordered in form.

The meeting falled of a quorum.

Mr. Sherman's protest against the report of such a bill at this time also had its effect in delaying such action. He pronounced an attempt to report such an important bill as the action of the Committee, when four members of the Committee were absent, as a piece of inexcusable and unprecedented legislation. Mr. Woodin's half of the joint committee held a meeting last night, but scenned in no hurry to finish up their business, and did nothing toward perfecting a bill.

ALBANY NOTES.

ALBANY, Thursday, April 27, 1876.
In the Assembly this evening the following bills were passed: Providing for the completion of the Courtuse in the third Judicial District of the City of New York; relating to certain exemptions and privileges of the Industrial Exhibition Company; making an appro-priation of \$200,000 to the Commissioners of Emigration for the purpose of paying their current expenses during the year.

The bill to give three days holiday for the 4th of July

this year was defeated in the Senate to day.

The bill to provide for the payment of the Court of Arbitration by a tax upon New-York City, was ordered to a third reading in the Senate.

In the Assembly, on motion of Mr. Ballou, the bill for the relief of the heirs of the late John B. Taylor was

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

PASSAGE AND THIRD READINGS OF LOCAL BILLS-THE NEW CAPITOL CHARGES DISMISSED-THE BOARD OF HEALTH BILL PASSED. SENATE ALBANY, April 27, 1876.

The following bills were passed:

Extending the time for the organization of the Mutual Trust Institution of New-York. To prohibit the deposit of sand and debris in certain

vaters of this State. Relative to the commission to investigate the affairs of the State Prisons.
Relative to Eiverside-ave. and Park, in the City of New-

York.
The bill to select banks of deposit for New-York City

The bill to select banks of deposit for New-York City funds was taken up, and progress reported.

The bill relative to court of arbitration in the City of New-York was ordered to a third reading.

The bill making the third and filth days of July, 1876, legal holidays was rejected.

The Senate agreed to the Assembly amendments to the bill relative to arrears of taxes in the City of New-York. The bill relative to the New-York Infant Asylum was considered in Committee of the Whole, and ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

THE ASSEMBLY.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the bill to amend the Constitution relative to common schools. Mr. WEBB moved to strike out the clause providing for

raising \$3,000,000. Agreed to. Progress was then re-

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The following bills were passed:
Providing offices and rooms for public purposes in the City of New-York.

Relative to the Board of Health of New-York City.
Appropriating \$40,000 to improve the Hudson River between Troy and Coxsachie.
Authorizing the Supervisors of Kings County to raise money for the erection of a bell-tower.

Amending the act relating to the courts of New-York.
Authorizing the City of Brooklyn to issue bonds to pay 20 award for land taken for reservoir purposes.
Concerning the pilots of the East River Company and establishing fees at Hell Onte.

Appointing a commission to investigate the State Prisons of the istate and the Elmira Reformatory.

To facilitate the determination of claims against the City of New-York and the Board of Education of New-York.

York.

To provide for the payment of the amount due by New-York to Westchester for school property taken by the City of New-York.

In relation to the Marine Court of the City of New-York.

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The Committee on Ways and Leans reported that after a thorough investigation of the charges referred by John McKenns, relative to the affairs of the new Capitol, they report that they have discovered nothing upon which to base the charges, or that would cause the Committee to report in favor of recommending the appointment of a committee to investigate into the management of the affairs of the new Capitol Commission. The report

BILLS FOR TAXING INSURANCE.

EFFECT OF THE MEASURES NOW PENDING AT ALBANY -A REMOVAL OF THE COMPANIES TO NEW-JERSEY WOULD EVADE THE TAX-LOSSES BY INVEST-MENT IN INSURANCE CAPITAL - COMPANIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO STRENGTHEN THEMSELVES,

To the Editor of The Tribune.

SIR: It is quite certain that no concerted action has been taken by the New-York insurance com panies in respect to a removal to New-Jersey or to any other State, for the purpose of escaping the enerous and unjust taxation which it is proposed to inflict upon them by Albany legislation, but it is equally certain that the possibility of seeking such relief has been entertained by ome of them, and that the attention of others has been drawn to the matter by recent publications. It is safe to say that no general movement will take place unless it shall plainly appear that the interest of both stockholders and policy-holders demands so radical a measure. With this preliminary, permit me to call attention to the letter of your Albany correspondent published on Monday morning. From that it sp-pears evident that neither Superintendent Smyth nor Senator Hammond fully comprehends the facts in the case. The Superintendent speaks of the Starbuck bill as being much worse than Senator Hammond's blil. This is only true in that it embraces a more extended class of companies in its provisions. If Mr. Starbuck's measure becomes a law, the companies local to the State of New-York will be compelled to find a refuge elsewhere, or to suffer under a severe and unjust discrimination against themselves as compared with the companies of other States doing business here. But exactly the same hardship which all companies will sufmeasure upon all New-York fire and marine insurance companies having stock capitals. They are to be taxed upon the Government bonds they hold, and are to be taxed upon the stocks of other State corporations held by them, and upon which they have as stockholders aiready paid the tex.

Superintendent Smith in saying that "the raid upor the companies is a very wrengful one and they would be right to consider the enactment of the bill into a law as a very severe blow " is correct; but he errs when he says, "but going to New-Jersey would not help them in any respect." New-Jersey does not compel its companies to pay taxes upon their United States bonds; nor does it compel the payment of a double tax upon the bank, railroad, trust company and other stocks they hold, all which Senator Hammond's bill does compel. Besides these it appears by recent laws of New-Jersey that it may be provided by conditions agreed upon at the time of making leans on bonds and mortgages in that State, that the tax upon such loans shall be paid by the borrower. This of course will tend to enable Jerseymen to borrow noney at a low rate of interest, as well as to make their State attractive to capitalists and corporations.

From what your correspondent says respecting Senator Hammord's statements, it appears that the Senator has altogether misunderstood the statistics of Mr. Oakley. President of the National Board of Underwriters. says that Mr. Oakley showed that the companies had distributed 13 per cent on dividends to their stockholders in 1874. Would that the Senator's inference that this represented all there is to be said upon the statement were ust! Then would many a depleted bank account b largely swelled, and perhaps even the dead companies be brought to life. Mr. Oakley's statistics referred only to companies then living, and to their capitals as they then steed. But 32 companies died in the Boston fire 68 died in the Chicago fire, and larger numbers died in the fires of New-York in 1835 and 1845, in Portland, Troy, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and in other places. Besides the death-rell, there is the list of wounded. A large proportion of the companies living in 1874 and been obliged, after great fires and large losses, to pay up great sums to make their capitals whole; sums varying from 40 to 75 per cent of their capitals. One company of this city called in \$1,500,000 after the Chicago fire, waited without any dividends for a weary time after the Boston fire to repair its damages; another company called in 8400,000 on a capital or \$1,000,000; another called \$150,000 on a capital or \$200,000; another having a capital of \$1,000,000 paid out one-half of that capital, and, tired of such sacribaces, cut its capital down to the remaining one-half. The com-\$200.000; another having a capital of \$1,000.000 paid out one-half of that capital, and, tired of such sacrimees, cut its capital down to the remaining one-half. The company represented by Mr. Oakley has three times suffered very severly—once to the extent of its entire capital, and at the Chicago fire to a very large percentage upon 10. These samples show what "13 re-ent" means. The companies would ignore the past as Senator Hammord does, if they could; but, unfortunately for them, they see in the 13 per cent a very scenty b per cent upon what their investments in fire insurance stock have really been. The insurance companies do not hold Government bonds and the stock of incorporated companies because they make money out of them, but because the interest of those whom they means is best promoted by doing so. Leans on bond and mortifacte cannot be readily turned into case. Investments in United States stock and in many other stocks can be changed into money at a day's notice, and this may at any moment become ne casy to pay the leases of some large fire. If Senator H minoud's bill becomes a law, the companies must change these securities or they must go where better lea shafte sense prevails. Not a year passes without the introduction of some such crude and unwise legislation at Albany; the most of it probably from ignorance as at present, but some of it from a less excusable motive. The business of fire losarines from the teginning in this country, down to this day, has been done at a loss. That is, it has not, taken been lout upon bonds and mortigages. The interest they would have received if the amount invested in it had been leat upon bonds and mortigages. The interest of policy-holders requires that the companies grow stronger, that they plue up the gains of successful years to meet the deaster sure to overtake them. Whether New York State, with its vast number of legislators, the most of whom e-ve but a single year, can ever be reited upon New-York, April 24, 1876.

MURDERED WITH A SHOE-KNIFE,

FATAL QUARREL BETWEEN TWO SHOEMAKERS-

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE. James Bennett, a shoemaker, 38 years of age, with several other shoemakers, has been living with George Knight, also a shoemaker, at No. 265 Stanton-st. These men all do their work in this house, and a room is set apart as a workshop. Knight is 61 years of age. His wife, who is 20 years younger than himself, keeps the oarding-house, assisted by her daughter. For some time Knight has been jenious of Bennett's attentions to his wife. Bennett is an American, but Knight and his family are English. Bennett was a stout, heavy-built man. it is stated that Bennett had a wife but had not lived with her for several years. Caurles P. Fosberry, a Swede James Dorr, and seven or eight other shoemakers are boarders with Knight. For several months Knight's scalousy of Bennett has been apparently increasing. Mrs. Knight openly treated him as a favorite. This esused considerable remark among the shocmakers, and their talk seemed greatly to inflame Knight. Several days ago Bennett came into the house under the influence of liquor, and talked and acted toward Mrs. English in such manner that there would have been a quartel with her busband then if she and others had not interfered and got Bennett to go to his room. Knight started to speak to Bennett about it several times, but had been threat-

ened and told to say nothing.

At their dinner last night, Mrs. Knight appeared to be more friendly than usual to Bennett, and Knight became very much excited. About ten minutes past 7 o'clock many of the men had gone back to the work-room. Bennett and Fosberry were at work. Dorr was in an adjoin ing room. Fosterry and Ber nett were talking together, when Knight came into the room. He was greatly excited, and, coming near Bennett's bench, said to him. Now you are sober, don't you think you are a nice

eited, and, coming near Bennett's bench, said to hun, "Now you are sober, don't you think you are a nice fellow to come interfering between me and my wife!" At this, Bennett sprung up and struck Knicht in the breast with his fist. Knicht staggered, but recovering himself seized a inife and drove it into Bennett's neck. It was a shock hife with a blade over eight inches long. A gush of blood followed the withdrawnl of the knife, and Bennett staggered toward the door. An officer of the Eleventh Precinct Police heard the cries for help and ran into the house. As he reached the head of the stairs Bennett fell into his arms and soon became unconscious, the blood still flowing from the wound. Bennett was covered with blood, and it was splashed upon the walls and floor all about the workroom, the halfway, and stairs. He was carried to the police station, but died soon after reaching there.

The other officers, who had arrived at the house in the mean time, ariested Knight, and also took Fosberry and Dorr to the station, where they were detained as witnesses. Knight stated that he had been rendered furious by the intimacy that was apparent between Bennett and his wife. He said that Bennett had struck him when he sought for an explanation, and that he had seized whatever was within his reach and struck him with it. Bennett lin a taunting, irritating manner about his intimacy with his wife; that Bennett struck him in the breast, and then Knight seized the long shoc-knife and stabbed him in the neck Dorr said that he was in a small room adjoining the work-shop and did not witness the stabbing. He heard the words that led to the tragedy and came into the room when he heard Foberry's cries for help. Mrs. Knight and her daughter followed the officers and their presences to the Police Station. Mrs.

Knight showed little emotion at the situation in which her nusband was placed. After remaining in the station for a short time, she cast one look at Benneti's body and then with her daughter went home. She said that she was down stairs attending to her housework at the time of the stabbling and therefore knew nothing about it.

STABBING AFFRAY AMONG SAILORS.

A DRUNKEN QUAPREL AND TWO MEN WOUNDED, ONE SERIOUSLY.

An affray with knives occurred last night in the saloon of Ernst H. Schmults, at No. 340 Pearl-st., in which two men were seriously stabbed. The police state that three Irish sailors, John Bowden, age 32, unmarried, of No. 338 Pearl-st.; Arthur W. Gibbons, and Lawrence Larkins, age 26, were drinking in the saloon. There was a proposal to engage in a wrestling contest, but this falled to meet with an acceptance, and all being somewhat intoxicated, a quarrel speedily ensued, in midst of which they went into the street, where Bowden, who was drunk and more vicious than the others, stabbe Gibbons in the lower part of the abdomen and Larkins Gibbons in the lower part of the abdomen and Larkins in the right groin with a pocket knife. He was immediately arrested by Officer Geoghegan of the Fourth Precinct, and other officers arrested Schmülts and several others, who were detained as witnesses. Arrived at the station, bowden succumbed to his intoxication and became suipid and insensible. The wounded men were conveyed to the hospital in Chamber-set, where it was found that the knife had penetrated Gibbons's intestines, making the wound dangerous on account of the risk from peritonitis. Larkins received a long upward thrust through the groin, which, however, did not penetrate any vital part.

To the surgeous, Larkins stated that he had never seen his assainant before, and was just entering the door of the saioon, when Bowden rushed by him and stabbed him. He did not know of it, however, until he felt the blood tricking down he leg, Gibbons acknowledges that he had been drinking, but avers that there was no quarrel, and that Bowden attacked and stabbed him atteriy without provocation, as he was sitting quietly at a table.

A DISAPPEARANCE STRANGELY EXPLAINED.

A. H. Guden, of the firm of Pettier & Guden, glass manufacturers in Wallabout-st., Brooklyn, suddenly disappeared last December, after drawing from the Brooklyn Bank, where the firm kept its accounts. \$1,850, to pay some bills. He was expected to collect some money due the firm in New-York, but did not. A few days ago he returned to Brooklyn. He says that after he left the bank on the day of his disappearance he accom-panied two persons to a lager beer saloon, where each panied two persons to a lager beer saloon, where each drank one glass of beer. He soon became unconscious, and when he came to his senses discovered he was on board an outward bound steamer. He was aroused by kicks and curses and ordered to go to work. He soon discovered that he had been shipped as a fireman on a California steamship, and had to work as a fireman until he teached Panama. He declares he was drugged and robbed by the men with whom he went to the saloon. Mr. Guden was arrested last night upon complaint of his partner, Mr. Peliter, who claims that he had discovered the entire falsity of his story, and charges him with having gone away with \$1,550 of the money belonging to the firm, with beading a dissipated life since last becember, and expending all the money. The accused man was locked up in the Sixth Sub-Police Station-house.

THE MOODY AND SANKEY CHOIR. The members of the choir that assisted in

the revival services at the Hippodrome met last evening in Association Hall, at Twenty-third-st. and Fourth-ave., preliminary to the final distanding. Almost all the Thatcher, the conductor at the Hippodrome, they rehearsed several of the songs with which they had become familiar during the revival services. A brief addre was made by the Rev. Dr. Booth, who said, among was made by the Rev. Dr. Booth, who said, among other things, that the service of song had touched a chord in New-York never touched before. He also expressed a hone that the choir would not disband, but that some bond of union would be found that should keep the members to ether. This sentiment was received with applause. Gen. Fick also spoke, giving instances that had come under his own observation of the power of song to influence men for good. Mr. Thatcher sang a solo, "Come, O Come, with a Broken Heart." Remarks were also under by William E. Dodge, jr., and several other gentlemen.

THE BOOM BILL CORRUPTION. HARRISBURG, Penn., April 27 .- The Senate Committee on the Boom Bill Investigation made a report to the Senate this morning. It simply recites the testimony before them. Scuator Boyer offered a resolution to h ve committee appointed to investigate the charges against conself of corruption used to defeat the Boom bill. The resolution was adopted.

ACCIDENT TO AN EMIGRANT. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 27 .- A Rhmebeck special to The Engle says Patrick Naughton, who arrived in New-York yesterday from Ireland, fell from en express train last night. This morning he was found sitting on the railread track with his feet in the river. He was deranged, and had severe scalp wounds. On his person was found a first-class ticket to Omaha, \$117, and a silver watch. He will probably recover. His wife is in Omaha.

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUTS, IN PROADWAY.

9 a. m., 53°. Noon, 62°. 3 p. m., 71°. Midnight, 54°.

Highest during the day, 71°. Lowest, 40°.

Average, 50°. Same day, 1875, 50°%

Clerendon Hotel—Tomas Redriguez Rubi, Spanish Treasury Commissioner to Cuba: Nicario Suarez Lianos, of the Spanish Cubana Service; Capt. Emilgne Pacz, and exclov. John T. Hoffman. Bretour House—Col. Thomas A. Scott of Philadelphin, Chancelor John V. L. Prayn of Athany, John M. Douglas, President of the Illmos Central Italicoal Con pany, and Col. J. G. C. Lee, U. S. Army. Folth Access Hotel—the mod Col. J. G. C. Lee, U. S. Army Fifth Access Hatel - the Hev. Dr. William Patton of New-Haven, and ex-Congressman J. M. S. Williams of Massachusetts - S. Nocholas Hotel-tieoge aerome, Collector of the Port of Betroit - Albamarie distel—The Hon. Benjamin Stark of New-London, Com-tilizer Homes-Judge Charles S. Lester of Saratoga - Eerett House-Prof. Erra Alboit of Havard College, and the Rev. William L. Leckwood of Beston - Westminster Helef-Prof. Lichard A. Procter of London - Mofman House-Alexan-er Mitchell, President of the Milwankee and St. Paul Railway Company.

NEW-YORK CITY. The festival held at St. Luke's Home last Wednes-

lay yielded \$500. Chickens and pigeons in great numbers roost in the

roofs of the long piers on the North River. Bermuda onions are at last plentiful in the marsets. "Tears, idle tears," may again be expected.

Immense roots and knots of French walnut, to be sed for vencering, attract attention on the White Star Dock. A pair of soiled and tattered trousers advertises he cleaning and repairing department of a Varick st. tailor.
The roof of the house in which George Washing-

erly resided, opposite the Battery Park, is being put Many truck loads of furniture can be seen daily

noving to the different ferries on the way to the suburbs and he country. Boys will be boys despite the police, and continue

to play ball in the street, although the station houses are fast becoming museums of balls, bats and bases. The news-stands these warm days are the center

City florists not represented at the Philadelphia

Fair intend heautifying their establishments, that New-York shall be rich in blossoms to bonor the Centennial year. The colored people of Melrose, Twomy-third Ward, annot adjust their church troubles harmonesses, and have imployed counsel with a prospect of loan and his mon ahead.

The foreign mails yesterday carried by the steam-

sted of 10.305 letters, 539 registered letters and 69 bags

In a family quarrel yesterday merning, at No. 312 Mott st., Frank Lee received a severe scalp wound from a glass thrown at him by his brother John, who afterward es-caned. Boarding-house keepers bewall inability to make

money. Although rents are reduced, provisions remain high, and summer prices so low that only wise management makes both ends need. The directors of the Harlem Railroad are fencing

in their local stations south of Williamsbridge. After May 15, passengers will be required to produce their tickets before entering the cars. Yesterday morning Mayor Wickham opened the

duties of the day at Primery School No. 16. He expressed himself highly pheased with the conduct of the 900 little encs in charge of Miss sarah McCaffrey. Thomas Hines, a lad 16 years of age, was yester-

day sent to the Penitentiary for one year by Judge Suther-land, in General Sessions, for stealing ten cents from the pocket of Francis S. Hastings in Park row. The rubbish in front of the new Jefferson Market

Court-house, and the hogshead and boxes constantly placed before the grocery store opposite, makes Sixth-ave., between Ninth and Tenth-sts., nearly impassable. The gorgeous-plumaged peacock that for years has strutted about the garden at broadway and Nineteenth s

low spreads his tail in a taxidermist's shop, where, after leath, he was sent to be stuffed. Great quantities of paving stones are daily arrivng by boats and are being unloaded on the North River docks for the pavement of Thirteenth-ave. It is thought the work will be completed during the Summer. The cottage occupied by the keeper of the park at

the Battery has been moved, in order to make way for the Elevated Railroad, the foundations for the extension of which are laid nearly across the park. The Nicolson pavement, which is being taken up at various places in the city, is of some use to poor people, who eagerly gather the blocks of pitch-saturated pine to use as fire-wood. It's an iil wind that blows nobody any good.

Special steamboat trains, in connection with the steamers leaving here for New-Haven at 3 and 11 p. m., will been running on May 8 to Merrien, Hutford, Springfied, and the North. The new strainer C. H. Northam will taxe her place on the line next Monday.

The score of the leading players in the chess tournament at the Cafe International is as follows: McKenzie | were received from numbers of people, and the hearts of the

Among the New-York contributions to the Cen tennal Exhibition will be gentemen's clothing made by Henry Prome Cooper of 54 Broadway. The garments are heat in style, lich in material, and elegant in finish. They may be seen at his store until Monday, when they will be for-warded to Philadelphia.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday the Grand Jury submitted a presentment formally censuring the President, Secretary, and trustees of the Security Savings Bank fr neglect of plain duty, by which great loss was suf-fered by depositors through defalcation of the bank's em-

A family unpleasantness took place on Wednesday evening in Barnum's "happy family," and three of the partici-pants, an old monkey, a young monkey and a large Rocky Mountain rat, died from their injuries during the night. Their bodies were presented yesterday to the Wood Museum at Belleyen Ligarital.

The Young Men's Christian Association after May proposes to conduct its Bowery branch on a new plan, which,

a proposes to constrain the property of the property in finding just the help they want, and men seeking situations in obtaining them more easily and with less expense of money and labor than has hitherto been done. On complaint of Jared H. Cory, Deputy Sheriff

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Boilet yesterday a rested Lorenzo Dow of West Thirteenth st., by order of Justice McAdam of the Marine Court, the complaint setting forth that the plaintiff was induced to take a pointsory note of \$1,800, executed by Dow, upon the representation that he was worth from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The note was never paid. In default of bail, Dow was committed. A vine of the genus Lygodium, a sister of the

A vine of the genus Lygodium, a sister of the Lygodium palmatum, or Hartford vine, which latter, though universally admired, cannot be coaxed to grow in-doors, has been brought from Japan and successfully propagated by flor-iets in this city, who consider it even more graceful than the L. palmatum, and it thrives well as a house plant. The reports of Commodore Vanderbilt's dangerous lines which have been published recently, prove, on inquiry, to be untrue, and are probably circulated by parties who would be beneated by a decline in the price of railroad stocks. Mr. Vanderbilt suffers occasionally from over-exertion sustained during his frequent drives; but his illness is not regarded as

In a dingy neighborhood on the West Side of the city a placard announces an entertainment by the following

As we journey through life we'll be happy, gay, and free, And don't forget to remember this wherever you may be: Come to our pienie, one and all, and you will plainly see How pleasant and enjoyable are the West Side Colerie."

Catharine McGovern, a homeless woman, was ar-Catharine McGovern, a homeless of arson, by Officer of Rourke of the Seventeenth Precinct. She had kindled a fire in the cellar of the tenement at No. 522 East Fourteenth st., and last set fire to the wooden partition, but it was extinguished by the officer before much damage was done.

A TRIBUNE reporter called on the Mexican Consul A TRIBUNE reporter catted on the Mexical Consul-yesteriay to inquire what news he had received from Mexico with regard to the insurrection there. The Consul said that the insurrection broke out just as the Government was reduc-ing the area, and that this had given the insurgents some ad-vantage. The Government, however, was rapidly reorganizing its ferces and would some crush out the insurrection, as it had no essential strength. A long argument was had yesterday, before Sur

rogate Calvin, on the referee's report in the matter of the regate Caivin, on the restrict regarding the accounts are ob-peried to by both the executors and the heirs, and neither party is willing to accept the referreds adjustment. John E. Burrill appeared for the executors, and John E. Parsons for Mrs. Stevens and the heirs. The Surrogate reserved his de-cision on the points in dispute. Superintendent Walling has distributed circulars

describing Peter Weisse, who has been missing since April 20. He was about 40 years of age, five feet eight inches in hight. rey stont, with dark or age, live icer eight inness in single very stont, with dark curly hair, dark mustache and goater. He was dressed in a dark time coat, black yest and trousers, white and blue checked neckie, and wore a gold chain, to which was attached a silver watch. A reward is offered by Mrs. Weisse, at No. 115 Chrystie st., for any information con-cerning ham. A horse attached to a wagon belonging to the Long Island Molding Company was frightened by one of the trains of the Elevated Railway in Greenwich st. yesterday,

The funeral of the late Barney Williams will take place at 11 a. m. to-day, at St. Steven's Roman Cathol Church, in Twenty eighth-st., where a scleam requiem mass

In regard to rumors which have been circulated attacking The Christian Union Publishing Company, Horatio C. King, publisher of The Christian Union, in conversation with a Turni SE reporter, said yesterday there was absolutely actions of the Company, made with a view to obtaining greate shound of the Company, many and a publishing department, he Company had been reorganized under the new faw limit-ing certain corporations to \$20,000 capital, and making the ockholicus individual y responsible. He said it would be select to dear that the subscription list had decreased from in 140, 0 can be other on the books in 1872, but new sub-riptious were constantly being received, and the assets of

Capt. Caffrey, at the Leonard Street Police Station on Tuesday Capt. Callrey, at the Leenand Street Mim, in Chambers, Bear morning, that two men had robbed him, in Chambers, Bear Greenwich-st., about 8 o'clock on the previous evening, of \$1,000. He drew the money from a bank in Bristol, Penn., on Monday morning, placed it in an inside vest packet, and did not look to see if it was safe until he reached his hotel at No. not look to see if it was safe until he reached his hotel at No. 284 (Greenwich st. Mr. Brosse said he arrived in this city at 5 p. m. on Monday, went to a liquor store at West and Chamberssis, where he remained searly three hours. It was while going from the saloon to the hotel that he believed he had been robbed. He admitted that he had been askep during the greater portion of the time that he was in the cars, and that a stranger came in contact with him while he was crossing the river. The police do not believe that any robbery occurred. Mr. Brosse started for hone yesterday morning leaving his hotel bill onpaid.

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has been finally set down for June 7.

The three 20-inch guns at the Navy-Yard have

et names "Satan," "Moloch," a d "Lucite The St. George's Cricket Club will play their open ing game next Wednesday on their grounds at Hoboken.

The work of paying Grand-st, between Bushwickave, and Newtown Creek has been begun. It will cost about

The Hon, John G. Schumaker offers a Naval Academy cadetship for competition to the youths of the Hd Con-

Eastern District butchers are discussing the expe-

The creditors of J. F. Flagg & Co., tobacco manufacturers, have agreed to accorpt the firm's offer to settle their debts by paying 25 cents on the dollar.

In response to a request of W. J. Florence, the The 47th Regiment will hold a "Fête Champêtre

on the Union Ball Grounds on May 8. A review of the regi-Capt. Ferry of the Third Precinct has been comented by the Police Commissioners for his efficiency in se curing the arrest of the burglars who robbed the store of Mr

James Rogers, formerly a clerk in the Pension Office, and charged with forging the name of Eliza Ann Platt of Einghamton to a check for \$00, has been honorably dis-charged, and appointed instructor on the school ship Min-According to the annual report of the Board of

City Works, tast published, the city has 546 miles of streets 319 miles of which are baved; 327 miles of water pipes, an 291 miles of sewers. The Board expended upon the city las

The insufficient amount remaining to the credit of the Charity Commissioners for county purposes has compelled them to cut off the supply of tea, coffee, sugar, and butter, and the panpers now receive goty the plainest and cheapest kind of food, and that in finited quantities.

Col. E. B. Lansing, Gen. Slocum, Wm. C. Kingsley, Wm. Marshall, and Charles S. Higgins were yesterday sum ned to appear before the Assembly Committee on Elections testify regarding what they know about the expenditure of ney in defeating the Ogden charter.

There are 873 persons confined in the Insane Asylum at Platbush, of which 83 are employes, 79 are boarders and 711 are paupers. The Hospital contains 407 immates, of which 242 are paupers. The Small pay Hespital contains 43 patients, and the Almshouse contains 782 paupers. Personal feeling ran so high and such threats were

made at the Sixth Ward meeting of the Marshall-Slocum Dem-ocrats on Wednesday night, that it required the services of a sergeant and several policemen to prevent a breach of the peace. The meeting broke ap in disorder. John McKeever, age 9, and Wm. Ferguson, age 10,

discovering a boy of about their own age attending the hat store of Edward Young & Co., at Fourth and South Secondsts., invaded the premises, and while one of them knocked down the juvenile attendant, the other robbed the till. The young thieves then ran away. John P. Curran, Excise Inspector at Police Head-

quariers, was yesterday summarily dismissed. No reason was voncheafed for his discharge, but it was reported that his place would be filled by a friend of Mr. Pheips, the lobbyist whom Commissioner Pyburn testified at Albany he had prom-ised to remember when vacancies occurred in the Department of Police and Excise. A force of police was last night sent to preserve order at the Fleet Street Colored Methodist Episcopal Church

order at the Fieet Street Coorden are mount in passions Control.

The occasion was the presentation of \$100 to the pastor, the
Rev. Mr. Murray, who has only received \$78 during the year
he has been there. The trustees declared the gift should not
be made, and assumed a hostile attitude, but the police prevented any serious encounter from taking place. There was harmony in the Board of City Works

yeaternay. Commissioner Power is at Citica, deal solection went to Albany under a subpens, and Commissioner Adams alone remeined. His views on the Hempstead Reservoir were not combated, and his resolution to postpone the facing of the dam was unanimously adopted. The matter was adjourned without a nurmur of dissent. The Commissioners of Charities have been re-quested by the Commissioners of Emigration in New-York to use their influence with members of the Legislature to secure

the massage of the bill giving the Castle Garden authorities \$200,000. The former acquiesce in the request as it will put \$6,000 in the Kings County Treasury due the Emigration Commission for bearding foreign paupers. The Brooklyn Maternity held its annual donation visit and reception yesterday and last evening in the institution, at Concord and Washington-sta. Liberal contributions

had been spread for them by the friends of the Home. Its de-partments are the nursery, hospital, and training school for

Large quantities of wheat and other property have mysteriously disappeared of late from the Grain Warehousing Company at the Clinton wharf, Atlantic Dock. Detectives ed op watch while the workmen were at dinner yes

A merchant in Montgomery-st. displays in one of its show windows a collection of Colonial money, some of the lotes dating back to 1756. The body of Jacob Delavan, age 60, was found

hanging to a tree yesterday afternoon in Howe's Woods, at the foot of Waverley-ave., Greenville.

A. J. Dittmar was fined \$50 yesterday for violating a rule of the Fire Board in altering a frame building beyond what his specification called for.

Michael O'Rourke of No. 47 Morris-st. died yesterday from the effects of injuries received by being crushed by a boiler falling on him. He leaves a wife and one child. Ferdinand Krolpfeitfer, a saloon-keeper of West

New York, was yesterday convicted in the Court of Quarter Sessions of keeping a disorderly house and resisting Constable Peter Donohue. The men on the Delaware, Lackawana and Western italiroad on strike for an advance of wages, after remain-

ing idle over two weeks, yesterday returned to work at the old rate of \$1 25 a day. William Johnson, colored, a driver for James Irving of New York, was arrested yesterday, fined \$100 by Justice Leonard, and locked up in default of payment. He had 11 large calves and 14 lambs cruelly packed into a small wagon.

Patrick Halligan, owner of considerable real estate in the Second District, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by taking a preparation of chloroform. He had been drinking very heavily, and a slight disagreement with his wife prompted him to commit the act. He will probably recover.

A. S. White, counsel for the Hudson Tunnel Railroad Company, yesterday made application to Judge Depue to appoint the remaining commissioner to condemn the necessary land for the approaches to the tunnel. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railread Company have given notice that not withstanding the decision of the Court of Appeals in faver of the Tunnel Company, the case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

The Flower Mission of the Women's Christian

association will begin operations to morrow. The Presbyterian churches contributed during the past year more than \$10,000 for the City Mission fund. The Rev. Dr. Fish of this city has been chosen

The Roman Catholic priests of the northern part of the Diocese of Newark met in monthly conference on Wednesday, to discuss various theological topics.

William Echenbush, a desperate burglar who has already served three terms in State Prison, was again arrested for the same offense yesterday. The officers were compelled to avernower him. While Andrew Asarman was alone in Albert

Spacth's mattress store, in Market-st., on Wednesday, another boy, whose name is not known, entered, and without provocation struck him a blow on the wrist with a razor, indicting a serious wound. NEW-JERSEY. East Orange.-The corner-stone of the new First

EAST ORANGE.—The corner-stone of the rew First Reformed Church, at Main and Halsted-sta, was laid on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large andience. The Rev. Dr. Taylor of Newar's pronounced the invocation and saintation, and the Rev. Mr. Bishop, paster of the church, made a snort address, foolowed by the Rev. Henry Vehslage of Irvington. This church, which is an ofishoot of the Presbyterian Church, was organized about a year ago, and is in a very prespersor condition. The edifice is to be built of brown-stone, in the form of a cross, and will be ready for occupancy this Fall. in the form of a cross, and win be reasy in the form of a cross, and win be reasy in the silk factory have resumed work at the reduced rates... man giving his name as Ackling from Syricuse, attempted swinds w. Parslow, undertaker, and Coromer Crane of Wednesday nighs by borrowing some money on the strong of an order for a handsome coffin, in which the dead body his sister was to be placed on its arrival from Syracuse, according to the six of the s

UNION Hitt.—The Commissioners have placed an additional tree of men on the Bull's Ferry Boad improvements. At meeting of the Town Council, Br. Rein was reelected Town Physician, and the a speintment of Town Attorney was referred to the Jonimittee on Laws and Ordinances.

Monthstown.—Theodore Avies has been nominated as a temperance candidate for Mayor.... The contributions to benevolent objects of the First Presbyterian Church for the past year amount to \$7.577.48. The church was founded in 1740, and has had 15 pistors.

Hackersack. Obadiah Hopkins, age 65, a wealthy and in-mential citizen, residing on Essex-st, committed suicide at is residence yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through he heart.

Jamaica.—The new "Centennial Hall" intended for the occupation of Jamaica Lodge, No. 247, I. O. O. F., was dedicated last evening with the ceremonics usual on such occasions by omeers of the Grand Lodge of the State, under the direction of Deputy Division Grand Master John L. Morria. There was a large crowd in attendance, and after the dedica-tion there were exercises anitable to the celebration of the fitty-seventh aninversary of the establishment of Odd Fellow-ship in America.

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Should be guilty of such as often as pole-income and offen of the repentant third begging Mr. Seaman's pardon, and promising never again to be guilty of such as often of the sunday school children. STATEN ISLAND.

New-Briguron,-The Trustees have received a ation from a unmber of Irish residents of the Secon Ward, asking that their names be erased from the tax-list, as for many years they had been paying taxes, but had received no benefit, as the streets were in a worse condition than they were 20 years ago. This is a blow at Mr. Arnold, the trustee of that ward, in regard to whose administration an investigation

ard, in regard to whose admit in for some time in progress. HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES.

WHITE PLAINS .- Sentences were pronounced yesterday in the Court of Scasions in the following cases: Thomas Carroll, convicted of burglary in the third degree, was sen tenced to four years' imprisonment in the Albany Penitentiary; J. P. Noll, found guilty of seiling intoxicating trink on Harry J. F. Non, found genty of sening incorteating stank of election day at Mount Vernon, within a quarter of a mile of the polls, was fined \$75; Julius Dieckman, Michael Michader, Mr. Scheuermann, and Mr. Oster picaded guilty to the same offense, and were mind \$50 cach; Margarie Deverman was fined \$50 for a similar offense. The Law and Order Associa-tion of Mount Vernon were instrumental in procuring the necessary testimony ag dast the foregoing violators of the ex-cise laws. The venders of lager considered the fines of \$50 to \$75 rather severe for selling as many cents' worth of beer.

LECTURES AND MEETINGS. A regular meeting of the XVIIth Assembly Dis trict Republican Association was held last evening at No. 341 West Forty-seventh st. The Association numbers about 1,2.0, and 10 new members were admitted last evening. At a meeting of the Clearing-house Association

yesterday, the Bank of the State of New-York was unan usly restored to all its rights and privileges in the Clearing The members of the Duryea Zouave Veteran Corps, composed of the survivers of the old 5th New-York Volun-teers, will meet on Monday evening at the 22d Regiment Ar-mory in Fourteenth si. to perfect arrangements for a visit to the Centennial Exhibition.

Bishop Cummins will preach and administer the rite of Confirmation at the First Reformed Episcopal Church, at Madison ave, and Forty-seventh-st, next Sunday morning. This society has just purchased three lots, 75 by 100 feet, on the north-cast corner of Madison-ave, and Fifty-fiftiest, and will erect a church thereon during the co.aing Summer.

At a meeting of the German property-owners of the Teuth, Eleventh, and Seventeenth Wards last evening, the Executive Committee reported that they had submitted to the Board of Aldermen a petition requesting that the work on the Board of Adeciment a perturb requesting that the work on as possible. Several members remarked that the city politicians were preventing the work because they intended to make political capital of it at election time. The following were elected delegates to the Central Committee: Messrs. Neumann, Underlein, Hochter, Schumacher, Baner, and Vollmer.

An audience assembled last evening at the schoolom of the Church of the Redeemer at Fourth ave. and room of the Church of the Redeemer at Fourthave, and Eighty-second st., to listen to readings by Francis Bradford of Bennington, Vt. He was introduced in a few appropriate remarks by the key. Mr. Shackelton, the rector of the church. The selections read were "Mabel," by T. R. Aldrich; "Kit Carson's Ride," by Miller; "The Guides," "Lake in the Colorado Para," and selections from "Hamlet" and Artemus Ward's London lectores. The reading of each piece was greeted with applause.

CARL SCHURZ ON THE MAY CONFERENCE. EITHER REFORM IN THE OLD PARTIES OR A NEW PARTY.

From a private letter printed in The Public.

No; I trust if the friends of reform inside

No; I trust if the friends of reform inside of the Republican party are strong enough in the Chemnati Convention to control it, they will not permit themselves to be seduced by a mere childish whim to do a bad thing, simply because the Independents want them to do a good one, and then lose the election. But if the reform element inside of the Republican party is not strongly enough represented in the Cincinnati Convention to control it, then it has good reason to be glad of any encouragement and aid it can get from public opinion outside. Indeed, the alliance between the sincere reform element inside and the independent element outside appears so natural and necessary that many patriotic men, hitherto strongly attached to their party, and considered as members in good standing, have expressed to me their hearty approval of the course the callers of the conference are pursuing, and have promised their active aid and cooperation.

We are not at all ambitions to organize and lead a third-party movement. On the contrary, we shall be heartily glad if you and others succeed in evolving from the Chemnati Convention so good a result that we can conscientiously follow you. For the sake of the country, I wish both parties to do the very best they can, believing, with you, "that the Republicans have the safess shot in their locker." At the same time, I do not conceal from you that, if nothing but a choice of evils should be presented to us I should not feel bound to content myself with such a choice, and I am glad to know that a large

parties, for that which honest sudeavor inside failed accomplish.

I sincerely trust such an emergency will be averted and you and I, each in his way, should make his be possible effort to avert it. I am sure our Conference will render a most valuable service in that respect. It will furnish an opportunity to the independents and the parties are not deal fairly with each other. If you and you friends as Republicans want the support of the independents, you ought not to be left in doubt as to things which will seture and those which would reputant support. I notice here and there statements in the newspapers assuming that a nomination of this or the character would command the whole vote of the independent friends of reform, some of which assumptions have good reason to think erroneous. Such mistake ought to be avoided by a candid declaration of views and purposes, so that, if the nomination you make does not receive the support you desire, you shall have no reason to say to us: "Whe did you not tell us of your objections before?" It is fall we should do so in time, and the conference will furnia an excellent opportunity, especially as there will be a reason to in it.

and you not ten us or your objections before?" It is ray we should do so in time, and the conference will furnish an excellent opportunity, especially as there will be a large a number of party men in it, that a full exchange of views from different standpoints may take place. It will be neither an attempt to coerce, nor to dictate to nor to assume any authority over the Republican or any other party. It will, as I expect, be simply the exercise of the right of American chizeus openly to state they opinions on public affairs, and to declare what course they may think it their duty to pursue under certain eigenmances, so that their subsequent conduct may not be a surprise to anybody, every one taking part in the being bound only by the dictates of his own conscience, and not by the verdect of a majority if he does not agree with it. This can and will be done not only by no-party men, but also, with perfect consistency, by men when are not forsaken their party, but are willing to employ every legitimate means to advance a good end.

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